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## Briefly

### Press-Record price to change

Effective Jan. 7, 1993, the Granite City Press-Record will cost 50 cents at all single-copy outlets made up of vending machines, stores and hawkers. Home delivery prices will remain the same and will allow readers to save \$10.40 yearly off the single-copy price.

"We are one of the last area newspapers to raise our price to 50 cents," said Rick Jarvis, general manager of the Press-Record. "With the addition of our TV Entertainment Book, the Press-Record is a good value, considering what a Sunday paper with a TV book in it costs today."

A portion of the increase will be shared with carriers and participating single-copy outlets.

### Kids' project

Youngsters will be making Christmas sun-catchers at the Granite City District Library, 2001 Delmar Ave. Children aged seven and older may go to the main library at 3:30 p.m. Dec. 17 to make sun-catchers to take home with them. This program is free, but is limited to 20 children, who must register and have a Granite City District Library card to participate. To register, families may call 452-6238.

### Holiday musical

The Youth Choir of First Assembly of God, 24th Street and Grand Avenue, will present the Christmas musical, "A Long Time Ago," at 7 p.m. Friday and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, directed by Christa and Jay Hawpe.

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William Hieseler  
Jenny Palmer  
Flora Wallace

## Lottery

Results in Illinois were:  
Dec. 8: 3-4-8; Pick 4: 5-6-5-2  
Little Lotto Game  
02-18-24-28-35  
Lotto Game  
14-18-30-32-44-51  
Three players matched all six numbers for an estimated jackpot of \$4,666,666.50 each.  
92 matched 5; for \$2,608  
6,078 matched 4; for \$78.50  
Dec. 8: 3-5-1; Pick 4: 6-9-4-8  
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17-22-28-30-33  
Dec. 8: 4-2-8; Pick 4: 0-6-1-3  
Dec. 5: 8-9-3; Pick 4: 2-4-6-0  
Lotto Game  
03-05-09-17-25-48

## 75 years ago

Dec. 10, 1917  
One person was killed and 75 put out of work when fire destroyed the Interstate Cooperation Company's plant at Broadway and State streets in Madison. The company's fire department was unable to control the blaze because the building's water works system was frozen by the cold weather. The company made barrels for the Standard Oil

## Trivia

When did William F. Niedringhaus die?  
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## 37 years later, Hagnauer retains power



(Staff photo by BOB SLATE)

Granite City Alderman Jeff Worthen, right, congratulates Madison County Board Chairman Nelson Hagnauer at Hagnauer's birthday party Monday. More than 600 attended the \$100-a-plate event. See page 2A for more photos.

Madison County Board Chairman Nelson Hagnauer may be one of the "old guard" politicians, but his days in office are far from numbered.

The veteran board member, who was first elected to county office during the Eisenhower administration, garnered an unprecedented 11th two-year term as chairman when the board met Monday.

During the last 37 years, Hagnauer has built a web of political influence that reaches the lowest local water district and gives him, a hand in controlling more than \$74 million in taxpayer dollars.

As board chairman, Hagnauer has at his disposal dozens of appointments to the (Bethalto area) St. Louis Regional Airport Authority, the county Housing Authority, the county Transit District, the assessment Board

of Review and local fire, water and cemetery districts.

In addition, he serves as Granite City Township supervisor and chairman of the Madison County Transit District, agencies with combined annual budgets of more than \$9 million.

Add the county's fiscal 1993 budget of \$65.6 million, and Hagnauer has considerable say in how more than \$74 million is spent each year.

Hagnauer's annual salary as County Board chairman is \$43,279. As Granite City Township supervisor, he earns an additional \$18,000. It was unclear whether the transit district involves compensation.

With his ready smile and soft-spoken demeanor, Hagnauer does not resemble the stereotypical cigar-chomping political boss.

But he commands respect from board members and county officeholders, regardless of party affiliation. Occasionally, he is referred to as "Nellie," but more often than not it is simply "the chairman."

He is acclaimed by board members, county officers and Democratic Party activists as a fair, straight-forward, effective administrator whose leadership makes the County Board one of the smoothest-running government units in Madison County.

"Nellie's pretty solid. Nobody who knows him can say anything bad about him. He looks out for everybody," said Mike Sasyk, former mayor of Madison and a longtime ally of Hagnauer's. Sasyk runs a manufacturing firm in Madison and is a member of Hagnauer's

(See HAGNAUER, Page 2A)

## EPA may alter cleanup area

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency may seek to change the boundaries of the 55-block area targeted for lead cleanup under the Superfund law, an EPA official said this week.

Brad Bradley, project manager for the Taracorp/NL Industries Superfund site in Granite City, Madison, Venice and Eagle Park, said that the results of soil sampling in the residential area targeted for remediation has prompted the EPA to consider altering the boundaries of the project.

Because sampling is incomplete, Bradley said, he is not yet sure if the new boundaries would encompass an area larger or smaller than the initially proposed area.

The U.S. EPA has proposed a \$35 million cleanup which includes removing the topsoil from property in a 55-block area with lead levels of more than 500 parts per million.

The contaminated soil would be placed on top of an existing lead pile at 15th and State streets.

"Why would they set (the lead cleanup level) at 500 parts per million here and 1,000 or 1,500 somewhere else? Why don't they get together with someone else and at least look like they know what they're doing?"

— Von Dee Cuse  
Mayor

The EPA has filed a lawsuit in federal court seeking to force NL Industries and other parties potentially responsible for the contamination to pay for the cleanup. Granite City and the potentially responsible parties have filed related federal lawsuits challenging the cleanup plan.

"It appears, from soil sampling, that there will be fewer blocks in Madison and (See CLEANUP, Page 6A)

## Education plan might force hike in Madison

By Mike Myers  
Staff writer

The Madison School District would have to raise property taxes to get its full share of a proposed increase in state funding under a new proposal.

The State Board of Education's Task Force on School Finance has proposed a \$1.5 billion increase in state funding for local school districts during the next five years. The plan for the increase, designed to guarantee minimum funding per pupil, was released Dec. 1 and is expected to be introduced as legislation next spring.

Under the proposal, a unit school district must have a minimum total operating tax rate of \$3.33 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The proposal defines the total operating tax rate as the sum of the rates

for the education fund, the operations and maintenance fund, the transportation fund, the working cash fund, the special education fund, the life safety fund and a newly created capital outlay fund.

The maximum total operating rate used to determine state aid would be \$4.07 and the proposal requires all school districts with an education fund rate above \$2.90 to roll back the rate to \$2.90. Madison has an education fund rate of \$1.84, Granite City a rate of \$2.55 and Venice a rate of \$2.65.

The 1992-93 total tax rates — including retirement, insurance and debt service on bonds — are \$4,478 for Madison, \$4,143 for Granite City and \$3,964 for Venice.

The Madison School District, which currently taxes at the maximum rates allowed without a referendum, has a current total operating rate of \$2.67. If it taxed for the new capital outlay at the 10-cent allowed maximum, it would have a rate of \$2.775 — 55½ cents short of the (See MADISON, Page 8A)



(Photo by DIANA KINDER)

**Christmas wishes** — Three-year-old Jill Ravanelli tells Santa Claus what she would like for Christmas during Santa's workshop at Maryville School. See Page 7A for more photos.

## Longer hours at Post Office

The Postal Service is extending its business hours to help make the holiday season more convenient.

In Granite City, the regular window a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

"For this holiday season, we will be open on Monday, Dec. 21, until 6 p.m. on Saturdays, Dec. 12 and 19, we will stay open until 4 p.m.," a spokesman said.

"On Friday, Dec. 18, we will be open until 6 p.m."

"We remind everyone that the self-service vending machines are available 24 hours a day all year at the main Post Office."

"We also will open the Nameoki Postal Station, located in the Bellemore Village

Shopping Center, on Saturdays, Dec. 12 and 19 from 9 a.m. until noon."

Parcels are being delivered on the three Sundays before Christmas.

Postmaster Charles Parkinson said he hopes that everyone will continue to use the Stamp By Mail envelopes he had delivered to homes three weeks ago. He said it is regarded as "a great way to avoid the Christmas rush at the Post Office. If you misplaced yours, just call 877-8700 and we will be glad to send one to you."

The employees of the Granite City Post Office are trying to give you the best service we can, and wish to thank you for your continued business and support."

## Girl's guardian attacks leak

Someone leaked juvenile court records concerning a girl's allegation that a circuit judge sexually assaulted her, the girl's court-appointed guardian said.

The guardian, Public Defender John Rekowski, vowed to find the source of the leak.

"Some of the stuff that has happened in this case is not to be tolerated," he said. "What spurred me to action was that it was used to affect my ability to represent one of my clients."

Rekowski said he thinks the leaks and other actions are felonies. Illinois law generally prohibits public disclosure of juvenile court records.

The girl has reportedly accused Circuit Judge George J. Moran Jr. of Granite City, who requested and was granted administrative leave Friday after a news account about the investigation based partly on leaked juvenile court files.

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— John Rekowski  
Public defender

The Illinois Attorney General's Office has confirmed it is investigating the allegation at a request of Madison County State's Attorney William Haine.

Rekowski refused to comment on the case, but he said he thinks the leaks were meant to hinder him in his duties as a court guardian for a juvenile. Court documents reportedly show Haine's office objected to Circuit Judge Edward Ferguson's appointment of Rekowski as the girl's court guardian, although the Public Defender's Office is routinely appointed in many such cases.

Rekowski declined to say how

he would investigate the matter. "I'm not accusing anyone yet," he said. "I'm exploring ways to get information."

In a written statement, Moran denied wrongdoing and said he was stepping down to protect the reputation of the court.

Moran's father, former 5th District Appellate Court Judge George J. Moran Sr., said in a separate statement that his son had passed a lie-detector test administered by an independent expert.

Haine also criticized the leak, saying allegations are often unfounded and that improper (See LEAK, Page 8A)

## Venice schools to get DARE officer, parade set

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

Venice schools will soon have a Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) officer.

To celebrate the initiation of the program in Venice, a first-ever DARE parade will be held in Venice Saturday, Dec. 12.

Patrolman Michael White is scheduled to attend DARE training in the next several months, and the program is to be implemented at the Venice School in early spring. Patrolman Cantrell Patterson, parade organizer, said.

The program will be funded through private donations and assets seized by the Venice Police Department under drug forfeiture laws, White said.

Police units from the Madison County and St. Clair County Sheriff's Departments and from the municipalities of Granite City, Madison, Pontoon Beach, St. Louis, National City, Washington Park, Brooklyn and East St. Louis are all expected to participate in the parade, scheduled to begin at the Venice Police Station, Klein Avenue and Broadway, at 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

The parade will proceed north on Klein Avenue to the Lee Wright Homes, through the housing project and up Weaver Street to College Street.

Units will take College Street to Mercedia, proceed one block to (See DARE, Page 8A)



# Hagnauer recalls old days on board

Madison County Board Chairman Nelson Hagnauer's writing hand no longer gets the workout it once did.

Hagnauer, chosen as chairman for the 11th time Monday morning, was first elected to the board in 1955 — a time when county budgets were pieced together with pencils, erasers and lots of scrap paper.

"I guess we were in the horse and buggy days," Hagnauer joked. "It used to take quite some time to draw up a budget."

Nowadays, county officials have the luxury of computer-generated flow charts, spread sheets and calculators when they hash out the annual budget. Board members working on this year's \$65 million budget spent more time punching keys and scanning charts than struggling with long division and decimals, Hagnauer said.

While the numbers were smaller when Hagnauer was a rookie-board member, the task was just as arduous because all the figuring had to be done by hand, he said.

That's the way it was done, he said, taking pencil to paper and flipping to the eraser end.

Hagnauer was Finance

Committee chairman before he was elected chairman of the full board in 1972.

His re-election Monday came after board member H. Jack Frandsen gave a short, nominating speech highlighting Hagnauer's accomplishments.

Frandsen's nomination was seconded by the ranking Republican board member, Homer Henke of Moro.

"Nellie's the only leader I've ever looked up to on this board and the only one I want at this time," Henke said. Henke and Bill Aery of Godfrey are the only Republicans on the 29-member board.

Granite City Democrat Herbert "Junior" Milton was elected to a fourth term as vice chairman, a position with few duties except to fill in for the chairman when he misses County Board meetings, a rare occurrence.

"If I had to say where the biggest changes have come about since I got here, I would have to say it was in data processing. Things are totally different now that we have all these computers," Hagnauer said.

Other major changes in county government Hagnauer has witnessed include the reduction



(Staff photos by BOB SLATT)

More than 600 friends, relatives and well-wishers attended Nelson "Nellie" Hagnauer's birthday party Monday night in Granite City. Madison County Supervisor of Assessments Bob Harris, left, and Granite City Mayor Von Dee Cruse were among the many who attended the party.

in the number of County Board members from 49 to 29 about 20 years ago, construction of the new \$18 million Administration Building, the formation of the Madison County Transit District (an agency Hagnauer oversees), and the construction of a new county jail.

"The main thing was to locate everything in one place,"

Hagnauer said of the new Administration Building, which opened in May. "We were all over the city of Edwardsville and it was very inconvenient. The courthouse was heading at the seams, so we had to do it."

But despite the accomplishments of the last two decades, Hagnauer acknowledged there are several

problems facing the board in the next few years.

"I know we've got some things that need to be done, especially in relation to the detention home and the nursing and sheltered care homes, and we will take care of those in time," he said.

— From the Alton Telegraph

## Police log

### Granite City

#### Drug warrant served

Thomas J. Dickey, 26, of the 2900 block of West 20th Street, was arrested at his home at 9:10 a.m. Dec. 8 on a warrant charging him with unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

Bond on the warrant is \$25,000.

Dickey is charged with possessing more than 200 grams of a substance alleged to contain phentermine in a Nov. 11 incident.

#### DUI arrest after crash

Fay H. Paul, 59, of the 1400 block of Fifth Street in Madison, was arrested at 5:17 p.m. Dec. 3 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

An officer responding to an accident at the intersection of Highway 162 and Nameoki Road discovered a blue 1976 Cadillac.

Paul, the driver, took three field sobriety tests and a breath analysis test and was charged.

#### Three charges filed

Billy G. Deazevero, 27, of the 2000 block of 14th Street, was arrested at 9:13 p.m. Dec. 7 for driving without headlights, driving without a valid driver's license and resisting arrest.

An officer reported seeing a blue 1979 Dodge van on 14th Street without headlights. The officer activated his emergency lights and the van slowed, but the vehicle then pulled away as the officer exited his squad car, according to a police report.

The officer resumed pursuit of the van, at about 30 miles per hour, and attempted at one point to pass the van. But the van veered toward the squad car and the officer resumed pursuit.

When the van finally pulled over on Omaha Street, Deazevero, the driver, had to be forced from the vehicle and refused to be handcuffed, the report adds.

#### DUI arrest on Nameoki

Robert Charles Roberts Jr., 29, of the 2400 block of Cleveland Boulevard, was arrested at 10:32 p.m. Dec. 6 for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with one tail light and improper lane usage.

An officer reported seeing a white 1968 Ford Mustang with one tail light, driving erratically in the 3600 through 3400 blocks of Nameoki Road.

Roberts, the driver, took three field sobriety tests and a breath analysis test and was charged. He was released on a notice to appear in court after posting his driver's license.



State Representatives Jay Hoffman, left, and Sam Wolf enjoy the feast of shrimp, oysters, crab legs and prime rib with Mac Warfield of Granite City, right.

## Hagnauer

(Continued from Page 1A)

campaign committee.

"I think he's done an outstanding job," said board member Bill Little. "During our meetings, no one is going to get away with showboating or taking a shot at someone if Hagnauer can help it."

His personality has a lot to do with it, said Little, who joined the board in 1972. The year Hagnauer began his tenure as chairman. "He's respectful in the way he deals with people but is still able to keep the board members in line."

Hagnauer rose from Finance Committee chairman to board chairman in 1972, but his career in politics began in the 1950s, when the Democratic machine had a firm grip on Madison County politics.

In public, most officials insist that the machine is dead or, at best, on its last legs. In private, however, officials concede the machine is alive and well with Hagnauer behind the wheel.

"I don't call it a machine," Hagnauer said. "I guess you call it a machine when you're on the outside looking in. I think of it as a good organization that is representative of the people in the county involved with it."

Doyal Democrats and longtime allies get the bulk of the appointments under Hagnauer's thumb, a situation that appears to have enabled him to expand his reach beyond the confines of the County Board chambers.

For example, Charlie Hester, a Granite City restaurant owner and friend of Hagnauer's since high school, was appointed to the housing authority board by Hagnauer two years ago.

Since 1989, Hester has received more than \$50,000 from Hagnauer's campaign coffers to pay for fund-raisers and political events held at Hester's restaurant, records filed with the coun-

ty clerk's office showed.

Another politician who appears to have benefited from his association with Hagnauer is former Granite City Mayor Paul Schuler, executive director of the Madison County Housing Authority.

Other appointments have gone to Democratic precinct committeemen and businessmen with ties to Democratic leaders throughout the county.

Technically, Hagnauer's recommended appointees must be approved by the full County Board. But he is rarely rebuffed.

On a more mundane level, Hagnauer's influence appears to have helped at least two of his relatives get county jobs, something that is not uncommon among County Board members.

Most of Hagnauer's time appears devoted to County Board affairs. His duties include presiding over the board's monthly meetings, making committee assignments and counseling officials and department heads who come to him for advice.

Mornings in Edwardsville are spent in discussions with various department heads, board members and other officials.

After lunch, Hagnauer goes on the road, meeting face to face with local officials, business people and individuals throughout the county.

In between, Hagnauer said, he

makes time to handle township and transit district business.

"I find that it helps being surrounded by competent people who can do their jobs and know what their responsibilities are."

"I also think you have to give them credit when credit is due," Hagnauer said, heaping special praise on Jim Monday, director of administration and his right hand man.

Despite the grueling schedule, Hagnauer has missed only three County Board meetings since he assumed the chairmanship in 1972.

The most recent absence was the result of a bad case of food poisoning contracted this summer during a trip to the Democratic National Convention in New York.

Hagnauer will be 65 later this month.

A life in Granite City and a life in the county have been the township supervisor since 1961

and, for six years before that, was an assistant supervisor.

Because assistant supervisors served on the former County Board of Supervisors, his tenure as a county legislator extends for 37 years.

When Chairman Harold Landolt died in 1971, Hagnauer was elected to head the former 49-member board. It was restructured as the 29-member Madison County Board on May 1, 1972, and he has been its only chairman.

Hagnauer has served often as chairman of the Madison County Democratic Party, succeeding Walter "Buck" Simmons and then being succeeded by Christ Costoff.

— From the Alton Telegraph

Hagnauer took to the microphone to thank those who attended his birthday party.

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## Score in S

By Ann-Marie Staff writer

U.S. military began depositing weapons in Somalia in a relief to the warring factions.

Operation Restore Hope, the U.S. military's name for the mission, is the first time the U.S. has used its military to provide humanitarian aid.

As of Sunday, the U.S. military had deposited more than 200 tons of food, medicine and other supplies in Somalia.

The U.S. military is also providing humanitarian aid to the Somali people.

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## Scott personnel in Somali effort

By Ann-Marie Campos  
Staff writer

U.S. military troops have begun departing to posts in Somalia in an effort to provide relief to the war-torn country.

Operation Restore Hope began last Friday under the command of the Air Mobility Command at Scott Air Force Base.

As of Sunday, 435 service men and women throughout the country have been deployed and 199 tons of food and medical supplies have already been sent to aid the destitute people of Somalia.

"Within the next several weeks, as many as 25,000 service men and women could be sent to Somalia."

"Our efforts are to get in, state the facts, get the humanitarian business started and then turn it over to the United Nations," Brig. Gen. John Handy said.

"Right now there are 9 and 10 year olds over there with automatic weapons."

—Gen. Handy

Operation Restore Hope comes under the U.N. relief operation, Provide Relief, which began sending aid to Somalia in mid-August. Since then, the Air Mobility Command has delivered 17,284 metric tons of food to the area.

During another press conference at Scott Monday, Maj. Gen. Ed Tenoso, the U.S. Transportation Command's Director of Operations and Logistics, described the operation as the military's "biggest humanitarian relief effort to another country."

He said the bulk of equipment and supplies needed to sustain ground forces will be moved by ships, but that most of the troops and critically time-urgent materials will be delivered by air.

The Air Mobility Command, a major command of the U.S. Air Force, was selected to provide the service due to its "global reach" capabilities involving airlift and air refueling.

An estimated 25,000 service men and women are expected to be sent to Somalia. Only a small portion of that number are expected to be Scott Air Force Base personnel and service people in Metro East area.

"Only the key people will be

"Only the key people will be taken (from Scott Air Force Base) in ones and twos as they are needed for their expertise."

—John Handy  
Scott general

The troops will take on warring parties, thieves and thugs to get the food to the people."

Handy said, "The effort now is to get the food delivered to where ever it needs to go."

As of Monday, four Tanker Airlift Control Elements (TALCES) were either en route or moving into its destined stations overseas, which include ports in Somalia and Kenya. TALCES are units that transform base facilities into full operational airports that will enable the troops and aircraft to land in Mogadishu.

In addition to deploying TALCES, two Tanker Task Forces (TTF) were in place at Lajes Field and Moron, both in Spain. The tanker force at Lajes Field is operating with some 150 people and 12 KC-135 tankers. At Moron, there are more than 300 people assigned and 12 KC-135s.

Air Force officials said troops from all 16 major Air Mobility Command bases will be leaving for the mission by Wednesday. Bases involved in the mission include Dover Air Force Base in Delaware; McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey; Griffis Air Force Base in Indiana; and March and Travis Air Force Bases in California.

U.S. Air Force C-130 aircraft have already flown 15 missions from Mombasa, Kenya into Somalia to deliver food to remote areas.

Since Operation Restore Hope began, 72 Air Force Reserve crews have volunteered to fly missions in the relief effort. More than 40 Air Force Reserve aircrew members have volunteered to support the Air Mobility Command airlift of American troops and their equipment to Somalia.



**New traffic light** — New traffic signals at McCambridge Avenue (Route 203) and Third Street in Madison will begin operating today. The Illinois Department of Transportation encourages motorists to be especially alert while driving through this area.

### SIUE housing applications open

Applications for single-student housing are now being accepted for the winter quarter at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Michael Schultz, SIUE's director of housing, said prospective students are encouraged to apply now because available space at SIUE's Tower Lake Apartments complex will fill quickly. Students who submit applications early have a better chance of obtaining preferred space at Tower Lake, Schultz said.

A \$100 fee is required with an application, which includes a \$25 non-refundable application fee and a \$75 deposit that is refunded if a student decides not to move into a Tower Lake unit. If a student signs a contract, the \$75 becomes a security deposit which will be refunded if a student decides not to move into a Tower Lake unit. If a student signs a contract, the \$75 becomes a security deposit which will be refunded after the student successfully completes terms of the contract.

The average, single-student unit at Tower Lake has two bedrooms, a living room, dining area and bathroom, with storage space and all utilities included, as well as telephone service.

### Drug-free truck-stop law

SPRINGFIELD — A new law will make Illinois the first state in the United States to create drug-free zones at rest areas and truck stops.

Lawmakers have cleared the road for the bill to become law after endorsing minor technical changes made by Gov. Jim Edgar.

The legislation was proposed by Secretary of State George Ryan at the request of Ryan's Safe Trucking Task Force and the Illinois Truck Stop Association.

The bill creates stricter penalties for anyone caught selling drugs or counterfeit drugs within 1,000 feet of any of the 65 truck stops and 31 rest areas in Illinois.

It is patterned after the drug-free school zones created by earlier state law.

The measure aimed at stopping drug sales to truckers imposes a Class 1 felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison for a first offense and a Class 2 felony carrying up to 30 years in prison for a second conviction.

"This statute tells pushers that they will pay an extra price if they peddle drugs to truckers and other motorists," Ryan said.

"Drugs are a major factor in fatal truck crashes. There isn't a truck stop operator in this state who thinks drivers should have ready access to drugs, and they want drug dealers out of their places of business."

—From the Alton Telegraph

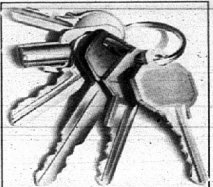
### Dog is sought

Granite City Animal Control authorities are seeking a small Shetland dog that escaped Wednesday from the city's animal shelter in West Granite City.

The dog is white with brown markings and black fur tips, stands approximately 18 inches tall and weighs about 20 pounds. The dog may be returning to its former home in the 2300 block of State Street.

A reward is being offered for the return of the dog.

Persons with information may call the Animal Control office, 433-6225, during normal business hours or the Granite City Police Department after hours.



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#### —Tests offered—

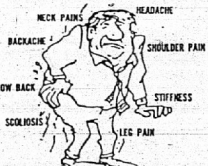
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## Editorials

### Support DARE parade

Venice residents will be treated to their first-ever DARE parade Saturday, and we urge the community to turn out in droves.

Many children in Venice and elsewhere are exposed at an early age to an often unhealthy and hostile environment influenced by illegal drug activity. For some children, sadly, this is the way of life to which they are exposed.

We applaud the Venice Police Department on its effort to establish a Drug Abuse Resistance Education program to break this cycle of activity, expose children to alternative lifestyles and encourage them to resist peer pressure. But law enforcement agencies alone cannot mandate change. Only with the support of concerned citizens—fighting for the future of their community and willing to stand up against the status quo—will there be hope for a better tomorrow for today's children.

When the units from participating law enforcement agencies pass through the streets of Venice on Saturday, we say, stand up for the children and for the future.

## Headlines you won't see

The Illinois State Police sent out a press release last week telling a story you would never see at the top of the newspaper page, but one that everyone likes to read.

"A Macomb woman escaped serious injury—and perhaps death—thanks to her seat belt." According to the press release, the woman's vehicle left the roadway, came back onto the road for a short distance, then left the road again, overturned and came to rest on its top.

"This is another documented case of seat belts saving a life," said State Police Director Terrance W. Gainer. "Although her car received major damage, she suffered only minor injuries."

The argument for using seat belts in this case is an attention grabber, and one most readers will relate to. Troopers also are trying to bring attention to the importance of wearing belts for another reason. It's the law.

The department is in the middle of its final seat belt blitz of 1992, hoping to reach its goal of 70 percent compliance among the state's motorists and passengers wear their seat belts in Illinois—up from 50 percent just a year ago.

In the first week of this six-week campaign, 933 tickets were written and 1,824 warnings were issued for occupant restraint violations. In the final week of the blitz, which concludes Jan. 2, Gainer said officers will issue only tickets—not warnings. The final blitz, corresponding with increased holiday traffic, could result in thousands of tickets being issued. It also could be responsible for saving lives.

"Are there more examples of seatbelts saving lives? Gainer reports there have been 74 fewer fatal traffic accidents on state highways this year compared to the same time period last year.

Stories of seat belts saving lives ought to be enough to encourage people to comply. There simply are no valid arguments to the contrary. But if ticketing a couple of thousand people a week is what it takes to convince them, the Illinois State Police should keep blitzing.

## As Barbara says, be kind to Hillary

(Carol Clark writes this  
Edwardsville Journal column.)

She's exiting the White House as she entered it, with an easy and approachable charm and grace and down-to-earth sense of humor—attributes which, incidentally, her husband, George Bush, may not have been too far off the mark when he recently joked that if Barbara Bush had been the candidate in '92, the Republicans might be looking at another four years with '92 in residence on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Nothing, it seems to me, more typifies Barbara Bush than her recent remarks to journalists prior to climbing into a cherry-picker to place—on Dec. 12th time—the star on the top of the White House Christmas tree.

"Give her a break," she told reporters, speaking of Hillary Clinton. "Let her do what she's doing. She's doing it so great. I hope you treat her as well as you've treated me."

The First Lady described her successor as "the warmest, nicest, friendliest person." Coming from Barbara Bush, all one could add to that is that it takes one to know one.

The two women have some things in common. I think. Neither is consumed by a burning ambition to be a fashion plate—as with Mrs. Bush, we won't see much of the country's first "how high" or jewelry, and I'm sure Hillary will manage to make do with the existing White House china.

Both share common concerns about children and about education.

It goes without saying, I think, that Hillary Clinton is going to be a new—or, if you will, different—kind of First Lady. And that may not be all bad.

She's extremely well educated, competent, capable, and well informed. I doubt that she'll be satisfied to whip up a batch of Toll House cookies by way of contributing to Bill's administration.

And she's the first First Lady of her baby-boomer generation.

But I think those alarmists who are so eager to depict her as a so-called "co-president" are pretty well off base.

A "feminist" who'll have too much influence over her husband, they're calling her.

Pretty silly, say I, at least unless the guys saying it are either (1) married to some witless little twit with an I.Q. of 40, or (2) married to a door mat type, who, when his lady says "frog," asks "how high?" or (3) never listens to the Bitter Half anyway.

If it is any kind of marriage at all, the husband is, now and again, going to listen to his wife. She's got to be the one who says "how high?" There's nothing of a "first" in that. And, God forbid, should anything happen to Bill, it would be Al Gore moving into the Oval Office, not Hillary.

Influence over a president's husband? How about Edith Galt Wilson who, for nearly a year and a half after her husband's stroke, "protected" him from visitors, including his own Cabinet members, so completely that she was known as the country's first "how high?"

Or Florence Kling Harding, without whom Warren G. wouldn't have made it in the first place and who, back home in Ohio, was called "The Duchess."

Or Eliza McCordle Johnson, who, learning that husband Andrew was barely semi-literate, taught him to read and write?

Or Claudia Taylor Johnson, who, in addition to smoothing over at least some of LBJ's abrasive gaffes, demonstrated a broad concern over public issues?

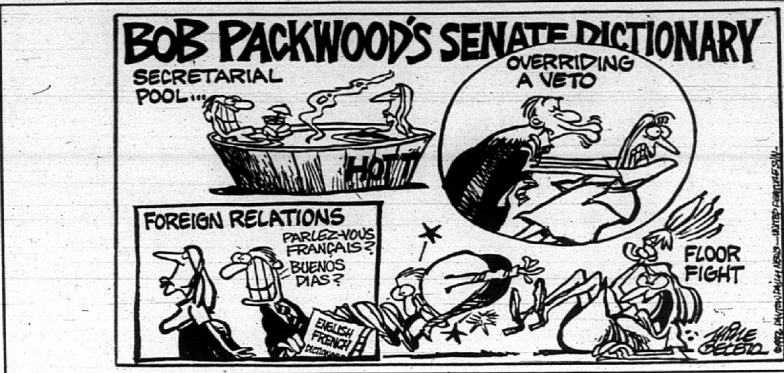
Or Betty Ford, noted for her candor in expressing opinions and beliefs, who promoted equal opportunities for women and played a large, influential role in her husband's choice of a woman as secretary of Housing and Urban Development?

Or the most outspoken, the one who, in addition to smoothing over at least some of LBJ's abrasive gaffes, demonstrated a broad concern over public issues?

She was outspoken in support of humanitarian and civil rights causes, and broke with tradition by holding press conferences of her own, lecturing widely and writing her own syndicated column.

She ultimately was known as the First Lady of the World.

There are precedents plenty for First Ladies who influence their husbands, so, right on, Hillary. Do your thing.



## Letters

### Pawnshop could meet local need

TO THE EDITOR:  
The only businesses we see going up around here are fast-food places.

The business I am concerned about at this time is the pawnshop to go in the vacant property at 2700 Madison Ave., Granite City.

The people who want to put the pawnshop in are Gus and Kay Lang. It's not a large business, but it is still a business. Why not keep Granite City's business in Granite City? Or do people want us to continue taking our money to Madison?

This business may only create a few jobs, but a few is better than none.

I was told by a large number of people that no one on the committee or having to do with politics is going to give Gus and Kay Lang a chance.

Readers, I hope you can remember when you didn't have an extra dollar in your pocket, when you were just getting by.

Someone had to believe in you for you to get where you're at now. In other words, someone had to have given you a chance. These people, Gus and Kay Lang, just want a chance to make their business grow.

There are a lot of people who have legitimate reasons for going to a pawnshop.

Some want everybody to think the only reason people go to pawnshops is because they want to sell stolen goods. This is not true. Some people go to buy things at cheaper prices than a store.

Some people need extra money, quick, so they borrow money on things that they own. It's just like collateral. When they pay the money back, they get their collateral back.

Some people can't get loans from banks because of bad credit, no credit, or not enough credit. For some, this is a second chance.

Sometimes it's the only way. I'd rather see people going to a pawnshop than stealing money from other people. In reality, many people are doing a small service for the community.

I was told that the person with the petition opposing the pawnshop went around telling people that if the pawnshop were put in, we would have thieves, robbers and drug dealers coming into our neighborhood. That's not exactly true.

Regardless of what they think they know, there are probably thieves, robbers and drug dealers already here in our neighborhood. There is just more direct about it than others.

This person with the opposing petition didn't even bother to tell the people the names of the people they were opposing.

When I found out who they got people to sign this petition, it just made my blood boil. One lady who signed the petition had to ask me who Gus and Kay Lang were. Another asked if Gus and Kay Lang had prior experience in running this kind of business.

Obviously, the person with this petition had no knowledge of what he was doing. To put people down without even telling their names or knowing their background or anything about them is a huge misjudgment.

If one person on that committee were to vote yes, that person would be kicked off the committee. The politicians tell them what to do.

I was even told by some people that their landlord told them they better vote against this petition. I'm sorry, but I think I would have to move if it came down to that.

These people told me they didn't need a lot of money had to do what they had to do. That's sad.

So, tell me, is this fair? No. You opponents don't even know these people. You don't even know their intentions. You just put them down because of the kind of business they run.

That's like putting you down and calling you a snob because you have money. Or calling you a liar and a thief just because you are in politics. It just isn't fair, is it?

I've known these people for about three years. As far as I'm concerned, they are honest, hard-working Americans who deserve the chance to grow.

Madison gave them a chance. They didn't mess up. Why can't Granite City?

PENNY LEE  
Granite City

### Meaning is vital part of reading

TO THE EDITOR:  
In response to the letter, "Flawed teaching methods blamed," whole-language is not a teaching method. It is a philosophy that embraces many methods of teaching reading.

The methods are based on the idea that making meaning from words is the most important objective of reading instruction. Proponents of whole-language believe that meaning is often found in words in small fragments.

I am not proposing that phonics is not a teaching method. It is a method of teaching children to read. I myself, learned to read fluently by this method.

However, phonics does not meet the needs of many children. For example, it does not take into account the many different dialects spoken by children.

Many African-American children learn to sound out words based on "standard English" pronunciations. Since they do not speak "standard English," the words they sound out are often not recognized by them.

Many children do not understand English. Speaking children are not phonetic readers. They cannot audibly discriminate between vowel sounds such as "short" and "short" or "d" and "ch" or "dr" and "j," to name a few examples.

Often, children who know all the letter sounds cannot put them together into words. Even more often, children who successfully sound out each word in a sentence have no idea what they have just read.

When children substitute words such as "father" for "daddy," it is not because they are confused. On the contrary, it is evidence of a mature reader who understands the meaning of a passage rather than concentrating on individual words.

Children who skip over words they do not recognize are attempting to "decode" the word by using the surrounding words to see what makes sense. Teachers of phonics use this same "word attack" skill when children are unable to sound out a word.

Proponents and teachers of whole language are not "schemers" practicing a form of educational malpractice. They are educators working hard to meet the needs of all children in a very diverse society.

They spark the interest of children in reading, using a variety of materials such as newspapers, magazines and real children's books.

They strive to create a love for reading that is not present in some traditional classrooms, where teachers, workbooks and worksheets are the primary source of reading material and children are grouped according to their perceived ability.

Children are individuals with varied backgrounds, abilities, interests and learning styles. No single method of reading instruction can meet the needs of every child, nor can any method be held responsible for our society's "functional illiterates."

My advice to parents with children of all ages is to spend time with your children. Read with them from their favorite books. Share with them your favorite childhood stories. Encourage them and build their self-esteem. Be aware of what is going on in the classroom and take part when possible. Be sure that the needs of your child are being met. Work with your child's teacher to identify and overcome problems.

When parents and teachers of all philosophies stop blaming each other and start working together, we will see children grow into successful, contributing members of society.

ROBERT CHOMKO  
Granite City

national policy, do they know it will allow selective abortion and permit minors to get abortions with no parental consent? A bill that George Bush repeatedly promised to veto if it came before him?

These were all pre-election promises made by Bill Clinton and are already being talked about as things he will do when he takes office.

I firmly believe that literally millions more unborn children will die as a result of all these decisions.

Bill Clinton has declared war on the unborn child.

If you are one of those "Christians" who's not really bothered by Bill Clinton's pro-abortion stand, then you can just dismiss this letter as radical—coming from someone who would dare suggest that Christians conduct their lives and voting with a different emphasis than non-Christians.

MICHAEL L. COAD  
Granite City

### Fund education, not sports arena

TO THE EDITOR:  
The Edwardsville City Council's behavior at its recent meeting proved to any observer that nothing that nothing could have been presented or said to change the vote.

Not one council member questioned the complex arrangement of Edwardsville, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, Korte Construction and the Southwestern Illinois Development Authority to build a multi-million dollar sports stadium.

It's another example of disrespect for taxpayers and the senior citizens and our school children.

By eliminating degree programs in recreation and health education—and then providing \$3.5 million for a new athletic stadium, the legislature appears to be telling SIUE students that education isn't important unless it's big business and "high profile." We deserve better.

It appears the Edwardsville City Council has accepted the propaganda of stadium fund-raisers. Let's hope the SIUE Board of Trustees is still interested in education.

ERWIN WEIN  
Glen Carbon

### U.S. plans 'war' against unborn

TO THE EDITOR:  
What have I done? That's what the many Christians I've voted for Bill Clinton are saying in the first few months of his presidency.

Were they aware that he planned to lift the ban on fetal tissue being used for medical research, a ban imposed by Pres. George Bush?

Do they object to lifting the ban on fetal tissue? It's tens of millions of tax dollars to go to so-called family planning clinics to encourage women to have abortions—a ban imposed by George Bush? In fact, he's gone a step farther in proposing a national plan to fund all abortions.

When he selects Supreme Court nominees, of which there may be three or more this term, do they realize his selection will only be for those who support the current "abortion on demand" policy—exactly opposite of George Bush's selections?

When he signs the radical Freedom of Choice Act, now in Congress, to make abortion a

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# Lifestyle

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## GCC food drive gets under way



Maxine Green

Maxine Green covers the Granite City and Nameki Township area for the Press-Record/Journal. She can be contacted at 931-6256.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rutkowski celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 29 at a party given in the Knights of Columbus hall in Maryville. They were married in St. Louis on Nov. 28, 1942.

They are the parents of Larry and Barbara Todoroff of Mascoutah; Kevin and Kathleen Koester of Granite City; and Walter B. Rutkowski of Ponce City, Okla. They have five grandchildren: John Tanner Jr. of Humble, Texas; Jeff Tanner and Clare Tanner, both of Granite City; Joseph Tanner of Mascoutah; and Heather Rutkowski of Collinsville. Dinner was served to 100 relatives and friends.

The evening was spent socializing and dancing. Many gifts were received by the honored guests. They renewed their wedding vows at St. Elizabeth's Church on Nov. 28 during the 4:30 mass.

Student, faculty and staff at the Granite City Campus of Belleville Area College are collecting non-perishable food items this holiday season to help meet the needs of the less fortunate. The "Have a Heart-Take Part" food drive will run through Dec. 22. Donations of canned fruits and vegetables, canned meats, boxed goods and bags of flour and sugar are needed. All food items will be donated to the New Life Evangelistic Center in St. Louis. For any information call 931-9600.

Van and Celeste Puryear have returned home from a two-week vacation to Phoenix, Ariz., and San Diego, Calif. They also visited their son, Van Puryear, who is attending college.

The Granite City Campus of Belleville Area College, 4950 Maryville Road, will have a "Holiday Morning with Santa," breakfast from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 12, in the campus cafeteria.

Activities include visits from Santa and Mrs. Claus, Frosty the Snowman, Rudolph and Granny Mouse, a magician, cartoons, coloring and pictures with Santa. One adult must accompany every three children. Call the business office, 931-9600, for more information or any cancellations.

Spring registration is now under way for BAC. Spring semester classes begin Jan. 14. Choose from more than 80 university transfer and occupational/vocational programs. Call Granite City Campus, 4950 Maryville Road, 931-9600.

## Lions will collect for food baskets



Lucille Martin

On Saturday, Dec. 12, the Lions of Pontoon Beach will be going door-to-door throughout the village, collecting canned goods, which will be used to make up Christmas baskets. This is an annual activity of the Lions. Complete baskets will be distributed the following Saturday, Dec. 19; for more information, call G.A.C. Chairman Bob Richardson or the Lions den 931-5184 Saturday, Dec. 12, between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Long Lake Volunteer Fire Department held their regular meeting on Dec. 3 in the fire station. President Diane Naney called the 47th meeting to order and the Lord's Prayer was recited by all members. Secretary Diane Goodman read report from previous meeting and gave financial report.

The Family Christmas party will be held Sunday, Dec. 13, beginning at 5 p.m. for the Long (See MARTIN, Page 6A)

## Parents get a Christmas gift: free time

### Program provides holiday child care

By Cheryl K. Friedman  
Correspondent

On a series of long tables in the basement of the First Presbyterian Church of Granite City were scattered board games.

Nine area children gathered around the tables to try their hand at Connect Four, The Uncle Wiggly Game, and Tupples.

It wasn't a church social or a competition between young congregation members. It was a favor to the community.

"My grandma and mom went shopping," said 11-year-old Crystle Bierschwar as she played a game of Uncle Wiggly on Thursday evening. "This is fun. We're going to come back next week."

Bierschwar and the other children were all there to give their parents time to do Christmas shopping, gift wrapping, or just get away for the evening. The congregation at the church made this possible.

The members of the First Presbyterian Church, 22nd Street and Delmar Avenue, are providing free child care to area residents in order to give parents a chance to Christmas shop.

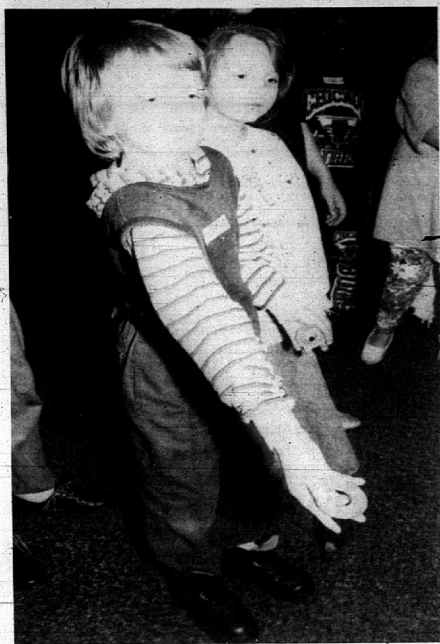
From 6 to 9 p.m. on Dec. 3, 10, and 17, parents may drop off children ages 6-12 and not only get free time for Christmas preparation, but feel that their children are in good hands and are having a good time.

The church members provide games, crafts and refreshments for the children.

Norma Macios of the church's growth committee helped coordinate the child-care program.

"We met as a congregation and threw around the idea of, 'What are we here for?'" she said.

"We all agreed we are here to help others."



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Dustin Smelser tosses a washer during a game as his sister, Leanna, watches over his shoulder.



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Preparing refreshments for the children, from left, are Tee Johnson, Dorothy Kerch and Sarah Haddix.

"The area has a need for this type of program," she said. "We're starting small to see the response from the community and congregation."

She said that, if the child-care idea is a success, they may begin a regular after-school day-care program.

"We have had a lot of support," she said. "The beauty of this is we spent very little money, because we've asked people to donate things."

She said congregation members have donated refreshments, games, craft supplies and time.

The Rev. Lewis Trotter, pastor, said Thursday that

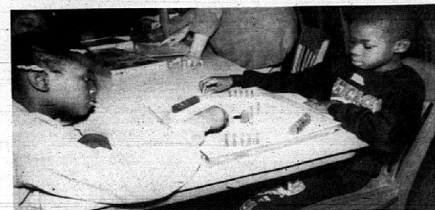
helping the community in whatever way it can is the church's responsibility.

"Parents can certainly use an evening to have special time to themselves or do some shopping for Christmas," he said, adding that he was proud of the women in the congregation who implemented the idea.

"This is very important. This is living out what you hear on Sunday morning."

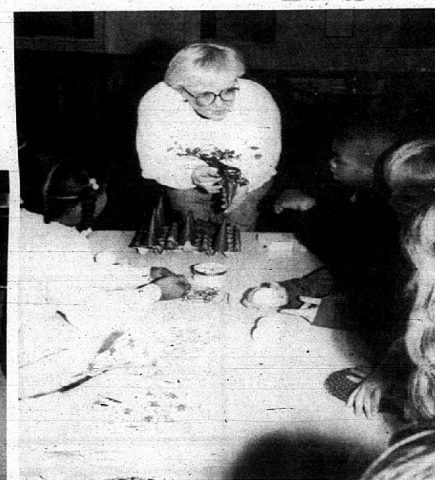
The program is serving a limited number of children each evening, so reservations are required.

For a reservation or more information, parents need to call 877-6965.



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Don Nesha Williams, left, and Franklin Powell play a board game.



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Daonne Chenault shows the children the Christmas ornament they will make during the craft hour.

By Pam Doepke-Hurd.

## YOUTH FOCUS: What is the worst problem teens face today?

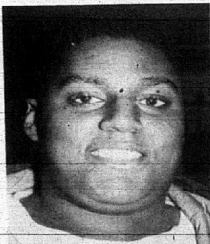
(Asked of students at Madison Middle School and Venice High School.)

**Robert Biggs, Madison**  
"I think the worst problem teens face today is drugs. There are lots of kids doing drugs and ruining their lives. Some kids kill and steal for them, and lots of kids are killed or severely hurt."

**Celena Browley, Madison**  
"Teen pregnancy is the worst problem that teens face today. There are so many young men and women who are sexually active that they don't know what might happen next. They don't realize the problem until it happens to them."

**Adam Brown, Madison**  
"The worst problem teens face today is peer pressure. It makes everyone feel as though they have to be exactly the same. If this were true, the world would be a dull and boring place."

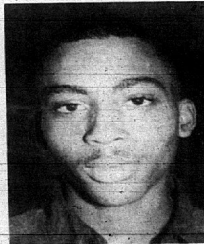
**John Jackson, Madison**  
"The worst problem teens face today is what's gonna be out there for them in the job market when they graduate from high school or college — will my life be as successful as my parents' life."



Delarrian Riley

**Maggie Silva, Madison**  
"The worst problem is lack of communication with parents. Lack of communication can lead to teen pregnancy, AIDS, and other sexually transmitted diseases."

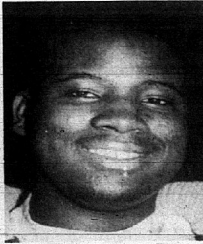
**Antwan Anderson, Venice**  
"My opinion is that the worst problem that teens face today is other teens. Teens pressure



Turen Davis

other teens into doing ignorant things."

**Kenneth Jackson, Venice**  
"Teen pregnancy and gang-related violence are the worst problems teens face. There is an increase in the number of teenage girls having babies. There are also increased numbers in killings in the schools."



Kenneth Jackson

**Delarrian Riley, Venice**  
"I think the worst problem teens face is peer pressure. This is because your friends can get you to do almost anything if they say the right thing, do the right thing, and just keep bothering you."

**Deonna McIntyre, Venice**  
"The worst problem teens face



Deonna McIntyre

today is violence. There is always a teen killing another teen for no reason at all."

**Turen Davis, Venice**  
"Teens shooting each other, because I find it hard to believe why these things are happening. It just gets me totally upset to hear that another teenager has been killed."

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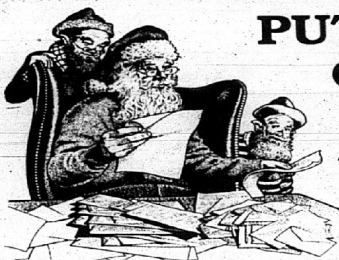
**Workshop** — Maryville School held a Santa's workshop Dec. 2 for students to purchase Christmas presents for their family and friends. In top left photo, from left, Jeffrey Holik, 6, Jason Holik, 10, and Rick Litnag, 9, consider purchasing a tool kit. In top right photo, three-year-old Elizabeth Nasir looks at Christmas ornaments for sale. In bottom right photo, nine-year-old Anna Lofink looks at presents for purchase. In bottom left photo, Santa Claus shows four-year-old Brittany Burns his ID, proving he is Santa.

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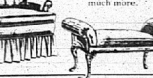


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## Obituaries



## John Farnbach

John Myron Farnbach, 79, of Kirkwood, Mo., formerly of the Venice area, was pronounced dead on arrival at 12:47 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, 1992, at St. John Mercy Medical Center, St. Louis County. He has been ill for eight years.

Born in White Hall, Ill., on Nov. 14, 1913, he had been a resident of the Venice area for 34 years. He was employed for 10 years as a mechanic at Material Handlers and Equipment Co., St. Louis, retiring in 1971.

Mr. Farnbach was a member of the Six Mile Old Fellow Lodge in Granite City, North Hills Methodist Church in Dellwood, Mo., Odd Fellows Lodge 5 in St. Louis and the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers in St. Louis.

Survivors include his wife, Edith (Anderson) Farnbach, whom he married Feb. 11, 1934, in White Hall; three sons, John Ronald Farnbach, a son, James Myron Farnbach of Oklahoma City and Michael Farnbach of Imperial, Mo.; three daughters, Judith Cope of Yuma, Ariz., Emily Ochso of Kirkwood and Media Moran of Granite City; 17 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Pearl (Lakes) Farnbach, who died in 1977, and a brother, Edmond Farnbach, who died in 1988.

Visitation will be held from 3:30 to 8 p.m. today at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City, where services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, with the Rev. Walter R. Morlok officiating. Burial will be at Carter Cemetery, Carrollton, Ill.

Memorials are suggested for the American Heart Association.

## Thomas Maher

Thomas E. Maher, 82, of St. Louis, formerly of Venice, died Wednesday, Dec. 9, 1992, at St. Mary's Hospital, Richmond Heights, Mo.

Born in Venice on Aug. 13, 1910, he was a local resident for over 75 years. He had retired as a florist at Ferd's Flowers in Granite City.

Mr. Maher was a member of Venice-Madison American Legion Post 307 and a former member of the Knights of Columbus.

Survivors include his sister, Julia M. McShane of Port St. Lucie, Fla., and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Julia (Conway) Maher.

Visitation will be held from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Mark's Catholic Church, 5190 S. Lincoln Avenue, Venice, where Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery, Edwardsville.

Arrangements are pending at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, 931-8000.

## Wilbert Herman

Wilbert G. "Bill" Herman, 83, of Topeka, Kan., formerly of Granite City, died Tuesday, Dec. 8, 1992, at St. Francis Hospital, Topeka.

Born in Granite City on July 12, 1909, he owned and operated Herman Heating and Air Conditioning in Granite City before moving to Topeka. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was a mechanical engineer for the Army Corps of Engineers from 1953 until he retired in 1973.

From 1953 to 1957 he was in French Morocco, where he worked on the Nouasseur Air Force Base. He also worked on various missile sites around Kansas, Tuttle Creek Dam, and Melvern Dam.

Mr. Herman attended the United Methodist Church and was a life member of Philip Billard Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1650 of Topeka and Ashmes Temple European Continental Shrine Club.

He was a member of Golden Rule Masonic Lodge 90 of Topeka.

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Survivors include his wife, Abilude Rose Mae Hopper Herman of Topeka, whom he married in Topeka; a son, Bill Herman of Granite City; a daughter, Sandy Green of Carbondale, Kan.; a stepdaughter, Diana Schultz of Topeka; a sister, Lucille Prewett of Granite City; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Carrie Herman.

Visitation will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. today at Parker-Price Mortuary, Topeka, where services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday. Military honors will be accorded by VFW Post 1650 and Masonic services will be conducted by Lodge 90 at Rochester Cemetery.

## William Niesciur

William "Chippy" Niesciur, 85, of Granite City died at 3:55 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, 1992, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where he had been a patient for two weeks. He had been ill for two years.

Born in Madison on Dec. 3, 1907, he was a lifelong local resident. He was employed for 35 years as a blacksmith at Granite City Steel, retiring in 1972.

He was a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Polish National Catholic Church in Madison and the Polish National Alliance.

Survivors include his wife, Anna (Hrasko) Niesciur of Granite City, two sisters, Julia Kalka of Granite City and Gladys Parizon of Detroit; and five grandchildren. He is survived by his daughter, Dolores Budryk; his parents, Ignatius and Josephine (Chuchek) Niesciur; and his brother, Stanley Niesciur.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. today at Mercer Mortuary, 1416 Niedringhaus Ave., Granite City, where a prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. today. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Sacred Heart of Jesus Polish National Catholic Church, 620 Reynolds St., Madison, with the Rev. Edmund Mlynarczyk officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates near Edwardsville.

Memorials are suggested for Scared Heart of Jesus Polish National Catholic Church.

## Flora Wallace

Flora Magdalene Wallace, 74, of Collinsville died Monday, Dec. 7, 1992, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville.

Born in Dover, Tenn., on Feb. 27, 1918, she was a homemaker and a member of Matron Circle at First United Methodist Church, Collinsville.

Survivors include her husband, Marshall C. Wallace of Collinsville; two daughters, Anna Mae Rainwater of Granite City and Dianna Bickel of Collinsville; a sister, Pauline Thomas of Granite City; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clayton and Minnie (McCo) Dabbs; two sisters, Katie Sexton and Rebecca Stafford; and one grandson, Aaron Bickel.

Funeral services were scheduled for 10 a.m. today at Herr Funeral Home Chapel, 501 W. Main St., Collinsville.

The Rev. Donald Burroughs officiating. Burial was to be at Lake View Memorial Gardens, Belleville.

## Dorothy Bettag

Dorothy (Voegele) Bettag, 67, of Venice died Monday, Dec. 7, 1992, at her residence.

Born in Venice on Sept. 21, 1925, she was a lifelong resident. She was employed for 17 years as a packer in the Blow Mold Department at Dow Chemical Co./Consolidated Aluminum Corp., retiring in 1992.

Survivors include her daughter, Debra Bransfield of Venice; a brother, Thomas Voegele of Granite City; a sister, Kay Zarling of Granite City; and one grandson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Marcus and Celestine (McCormick) Voegele.

As she requested, her remains will be cremated. Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City, is in charge of arrangements.

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## •Madison

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required minimum.

Based on taxing for the new capital outlay fund at 10-cent maximum rate, the Granite City School District would have a total operating tax rate of \$3.405 and the Venice School District would have a total operating rate of \$3.47.

Under the state funding proposal, Madison and other districts in its position would be able to raise tax rates over a five-year period to new maximum rates without a referendum, although the backdoor referendum provision allowing voters to petition to reject an increase via an election would apparently still apply.

Madison School Superintendent Dan Kostenko said school officials will "watch and see" what happens to the proposal in the legislature.

## •Cleanup

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more blocks in Granite City in the cleanup area," Bradley said. He said the outer edge of an area contaminated at the 500 ppm level has been found in Madison, but that results of sampling taken in Lincoln Place and near 23rd Street in Granite City are well over the threshold and further sampling is necessary to determine a boundary.

Mayor Von Dee Cruse said that, regardless of the results of the soil sampling, there is still no evidence linking lead in soil to health problems. "So what?" Cruse said of the sampling results.

"The EPA still hasn't proved that there is any relationship between lead in the soil and health problems here. The fact

is, there are no health problems in Granite City caused by lead," Cruse said.

Citing the fact that lead thresholds in other parts of the city are targeted for remediation have been set at 1,000 or 1,500 ppm, Cruse said Bradley "is going by his own rules to justify his job."

"Why would they set (the level) at 500 parts per million here and 1,000 or 1,500 somewhere else? Why don't they get together with someone else and at least look like they know what they're doing?" Cruse asked.

He said that if the EPA has any evidence linking lead contamination in this area to health problems, he hasn't seen it. "Our staff haven't convinced anybody, as far as I know, that lead in soil has any link to health problems. I'd like to see

the evidence, if it exists."

And if it does, they "it'll be the first one to demand that (the problem) be taken care of," Cruse said.

Cruse and health officials, at the request of U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, testified before a U.S. House subcommittee earlier this year regarding the proposed Tarapur/NL Superfund cleanup.

They cited a blood-lead study conducted in the project area last year that showed no significant link between soil lead levels and blood lead levels.

Bradley said the EPA plans to go ahead in the next few months with a plan to remove crushed battery casings from lots, alleys and driveways in the Venice area, where the material was used as fill more than 40 years ago.

None of the parties involved have challenged that cleanup

## •DARE

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Allen Street and return south on Salvester Avenue to Collinsville Street, where it will turn left and travel to Kerr Street.

The parade will proceed one block on Kerr to Third Street and turn left, returning to the main parade route on Lincoln Avenue. The parade will follow Lincoln Avenue east to Jefferson Avenue, proceed to Seventh Street, travel on Seventh to Lincoln Avenue and turn left again, taking Lincoln back to Klein and returning to the police station.

## Durbin to head panel

U.S. Rep. Richard J. Durbin, D-Springfield, on Wednesday was named chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, one of the 13 Appropriations subcommittees that make all federal spending decisions.

"Durbin was nominated for the subcommittee chairmanship by the full Appropriations Committee Wednesday. He is the youngest Appropriations subcommittee chairman. He will replace

Rep. Jamie Whitten, D-Miss., who is 82."

"This is a very exciting opportunity," Durbin said. "The 20th Congressional District of Illinois is heavily agricultural and benefits from programs under the jurisdiction of the Agriculture Subcommittee. This appointment will give me a unique opportunity to help strengthen the farm economy and address important food safety and nutrition issues."

But he said it was "utter nonsense" to suggest that his office had a conflict of interest. He said public defenders often clash with judges in representing clients.

"My office has a record of independence. I don't have to apologize to anyone for."

Rekowski refused to comment on a published report that he had been removed as the girl's court guardian by St. Clair County Associate Judge Ellen Dauber, who is overseeing the juvenile case.

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Granite City School District Director of Finance Norm Owca said he will also "watch with interest" the proposed legislation. He pointed out that Granite City's total operating rate of \$3.405 is well within the proposed guidelines and that Granite City's \$3,924 annual expenditure per student is very close to the proposal's adequacy level of \$3,986 per student.

"My experience, we are so middle of the road financially that nothing the state comes up with as far as new formulas and guidelines for funding really helps us, but nothing really hurts us either," Owca said. "When it comes to money, it seems like we're never the highest and never the lowest, but always stuck somewhere right in the middle."

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## DeShon-Heintz

Ann M. Heintz and Joseph S. DeShon were married May 30, 1992, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City, by the Rev. William Fisher-Keller.

The bride is the daughter of Edward and Gloria Heintz of Granite City and the groom is the son of Wallace and Wilma DeShon, also of Granite City.

The maid of honor was Theresa Wegartz of Florissant, sister of the bride.

The bride's maids were Becky Kramer, Karen Richey, Christine Clinton and Kim Antonovich, all friends of the bride, and Jeanne Buchholz, cousin of the bride.

The best man was Tom Paul of Granite City, friend of the groom.

The groomsmen were Mark Richey, Paul Gontenman, Jeff Cotter, and Jeff Kraus, all friends of the groom, and Wally DeShon, brother of the groom.

Program attendants were Ben Heintz and Jerry Paul.

Guest book attendant was Salina Farmer.

Singers were Charlie Whitel and Sara Terrell.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. DeShon

Ushers were Ed Heintz of South Carolina and Jerry and Chris Heintz, both of Granite City.

A reception was held at Knights of Columbus Hall in Granite City.

After a wedding trip to Kings Island, Ohio, the couple is residing in Granite City.

The bride is a graduate of Granite City Senior High School and is employed by Tri-City Area Chamber of Commerce in Granite City as a secretary.

The groom is a graduate of Granite City High School South and is employed by M and W Machine and Gear in Madison as a machinist.

## Doneff-Bagwell

Karen Marie Bagwell and Robert Michael Doneff II were married on Saturday, Aug. 8, 1992, in Chesapeake, Va.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reynolds of Chesapeake.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Doneff of Granite City.

He chose Barry Davis as his best man.

Other out-of-town guests were the groom's sister, Tracey L. Doneff; Joseph Bohnenstiel, his grandfather; Thomas Cholewich, his uncle, and his parents.

The couple will reside in Chesapeake, where Robert has

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Michael Doneff II

recently re-enlisted in the U.S. Navy.

## Bayer-Wallace

Mindy Jo Bayer, daughter of Charles and Darlene Bayer of Granite City, and Joseph Charles Wallace, son of Nathan and Debbie Bailey of Staunton, have announced their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

Bayer is a senior at Granite City High School and will graduate in June 1993.

She is employed by PVO Foods of Granite City as a secretary.

Her fiancé is a junior at Oklahoma State University.

The couple is planning a July 3, 1993, wedding. The ceremony will be at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Collinsville.



Mindy Jo Bayer and Joseph Wallace

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On Sunday, Dec. 20, the adult choir will present the cantata, "The First Noel," by Joe E. Parks. The scriptural basis is that "God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise, the weak things to confound the mighty." The cantata then retells the story of the birth of Christ.

The Rev. Dr. Bob Jones, pastor, is encouraging the public to attend. A nursery will be provided for those with small children.

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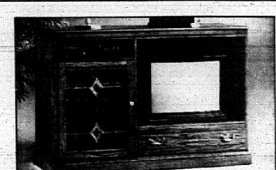


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Rosanna Kozjak  
and Richard Harmon

## Kozjak-Harmon

Rosanna Kozjak, daughter of George and Sharon Kozjak of Granite City, and Richard P. Harmon, son of Dick and Betty Harmon of Granite City, have announced their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

Miss Kozjak, of Granite City, is a 1989 graduate of Granite City High School. She is currently a senior at St. Louis University, majoring in biology, and is a member of Alpha Sigma Tau sorority. She is employed by St. Louis University as a laboratory assistant.

Her fiancé, also a 1989 graduate of Granite City High School, recently graduated magna cum laude from St. Louis University with a bachelor of science/bachelor of arts degree with majors in economics, finance and international business. He is currently attending the master's degree program at Washington University's John M. Olin School of Business.

The couple is planning a spring 1994 wedding at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Granite City.

## Bridal shower held

A bridal shower honoring Angela Sue Judd was held Nov. 15 at the Madison Recreation Center.

Hostess was Bertha (Bubba) Muir, maid of honor and cousin of the bride.

The hall was decorated with teal and cerise bells, balloons and candles.

Games were played and prizes awarded.

Buffet luncheon was served and cake in the wedding colors (Maid of honor, Bertha (Bubba) Muir, cousin of the bride; and bridesmaids Amy Judd, sister of the bride, and Michelle Petrosky, sister of the groom, assisted with opening the gifts).

Other guests included Susan Judd, mother of the bride; Barbara Petrosky, mother of the groom; Dorothy Sherer, the bride's grandmother; Concetta Judd, bride's grandmother; Sophie Petrosky, groom's grandmother; Regina Kowalczyk, groom's grandmother; Patricia Petrosky; Christopher Petrosky; Linda Hayden; Pamela Craig; Peggy Brown; Julie Courtois; Amy Courtois; Betty Ballentine; and Dana Boyer.

## Christmas candlelight concert set at St. John

The St. John Lutheran Church choir will present their annual Christmas candlelight concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, in the chancel of the church at St. Clair and Dale avenues.

The concert will begin and end with robed adult and youth choir members marching in a processional down the aisles, holding candles in the darkened church and singing a medley of traditional carols.

The congregation and choir will sing "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," "We Three Kings of Orient Are," "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," "O Christmas Tree," "Joy to the World," "In the Beauty of the Lilies," "The First Noel," "Silent Night" and the "Christmas Benediction."

The Youth Choir will sing "It's Christmas," "Little Baby Jesus" and "Away in the Manger" under the direction of Melinda Henke.

The Senior Choir will sing "Away in a Manger," "Chorus of Angels," "The Snow Lay On the Ground," "Shepherds Awake" and "Silent Night," with ladies of the choir also singing "Still, Still, Still," under the direction of Josephine Diak.

Solos will include "He Shall Feed His Flock" from Handel's Messiah, sung by contralto Diane Gebhardt and soprano Josephine Diak and a duet, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel," sung by alto Melinda Henke and soprano Jackie Harris.

Senior Choir members are Elizabeth Ammann, Roberta Crawford, Jackie Harris, Helyn Potter, Diane Gebhardt, Mary Ann Kaminski, Rudy Diak Sr., Tom Hanson, Charles "Rick" McQueen, Oliver T. Potter and John T. Severine Sr.

## Christmas candlelight annual concert

7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13  
St. John Lutheran Church  
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Youth Choir members are Andrew Hagler, Erin Hagler, Jonathan Hagler, Anna Hansen, Chris Hansen, Tiffany Harris, Charlie Knapp, Matthew Knapp, Alex Kwiatkowski, Leslie Kwiatkowski, Brian Mosely, Josh Nagy, Daniel Frenzel, Scott Pregel, Ryan Sigite, Vincent Sigite, Andrew Skoklo, Billy Verschuy and Sam Verschuy.

Orangists will be Amy Gebhardt and Melinda Henke and Jackie Harris.

The concert will be under the direction of Josephine Diak.

Following the concert, Christmas cookies, punch and coffee will be served in the fellowship hall by the Women's Service Guild and ladies of the church.

## Santa to host children Saturday

Youngsters aged five to 12 will be able to shop for Christmas presents Saturday at a special price — no more than 25 cents per gift.

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By RICK REED  
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When a person sustains a personal injury resulting from someone else's negligence, the injured party is often faced with a decision of whether to settle the case or take it to trial. Many times an insurance company will offer the victim a sum of money to settle out of Court, and the question arises as to whether it is in his best interest to accept it.

In one recent case, a person was in an automobile accident and sustained neck and back injuries. He treated at the emergency room and then received follow-up care from his family physician. He eventually wound up treating with a chiropractor and missed several weeks of work. His medical bills and lost wages totaled \$2500, and the insurance company offered him \$7500 to settle. Should he accept this sum or allow a jury to decide the damages in his case?

There are certain advantages to taking a case to trial. One advantage is that a jury will often award more money to the victim than has previously been offered by the insurance company. Furthermore, if a person settles and signs a release, he forever discharges all parties from any further responsibility for his in-

juries. Taking the case to trial can keep the case open longer so that the victim has more time to determine the exact nature of his injuries.

One disadvantage to taking the case to trial involves the delay in the Court process. A major personal injury case could take as much as three to four years to go to trial. Many people do not want to wait this long. In addition, there is expense in preparing a case for trial. There are Court costs involved, the expense of depositions which are sworn statements taken prior to trial, and the cost of having an expert witness come to Court to testify. Finally, many victims do not want to go to trial because they are fearful of taking the witness stand and because they do not want to miss work to appear in Court.

In light of these considerations, whether it is best to settle depends upon the facts in each given situation. The victim in our example decided to accept the offer and avoid the hassle of taking it to Court. It is probably best to consult with one's attorney before making a decision in any particular case.

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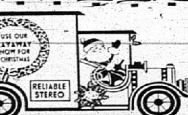
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Mike Garland (middle) has two assistant coaches: Greg Garland (right) and Don Smith. Mike and Greg are brothers.

## •Garland

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and Veirs Granite City has produced nine individual state champions, a total of 23 finalists and numerous place winners. No other team from this part of the state has won a state championship.

One of the keys to the Warriors' success has been the presence of strong youth programs at the park district and at the city's two grade schools. Coolidge and Grigsby. The high school team's reputation for success has also been a factor.

The kids in the wrestling room see those things and they want to attain it, Garland said. "That has something to do with our success. Having a youth program and two really good junior high schools has also really helped."

The kids come in with the fundamentals and the right skills, and we just kind of refine them. Being blessed with the talent I've had has made it easy."

Garland took over the head job in 1987. He had served as an assistant under Schmitt from 1981-86 and then under Whitaker until 1986.

Garland's younger brother, Greg, is now the team's top assistant. Greg wrestled in high school while Mike was an assistant coach, and it might not be long before he takes on a head spot of his own.

Mike has another brother who coaches wrestling—Steve, who is Belleville West coach John Wehmer's top assistant.

Garland came in with a five-year plan to build the Warriors into a team of state tournament caliber. He brought at least one individual to state each year and then took the whole team last season.

You always kind of plan

things out year by year," Garland said. "Last year, if we didn't get (the team) to state I was probably going to get out—because that's how much I care about the program."

"This high school has never had a losing season, and I kind of thought that was in jeopardy this year. But we've gotten a big head start, and surprisingly things are working out."

The Warriors are undefeated through six matches heading into tonight's meet at Civic Memorial. Granite City has already wrestled and defeated Carbondale, Centralia, Edwardsville, Peoria Central, Pekin and Bloomington.

The team is young but talented, and the Warriors also have a strong freshman group coming up. Five varsity wrestlers are undefeated. Chris Hogan (103), Tim Fulkerson (112), Pat Scherfer (119), T.J. Slay (125) and Jeff Witter (160).

Garland's goal for the future is to take another team to state and earn a dual-team title. It is the only unconquered plateau left for Granite City's program.

"We kind of broke the ice last year," Garland said. "What I really want to do is eventually bring home a trophy."

Most of all, Garland wants to uphold Granite City's rich tradition. He would like to be around long enough to win a state title and add on to his victory total for dual meets.

It would take a while, however, for him to catch Schmitt. "I can forget about that," Garland said. "I'm not trying to outdo him or Whitaker at all. I'm just keeping our program rolling, basically. I could probably break it, but I'd be about 97 when it would happen."

"At the rate he's going, he won't have to be," Schmitt said.

## Warrior wrestling

Chris Hogan (103)	6-0 (1 pnt)
Tim Fulkerson (112)	6-0 (2 pnt)
Pat Scherfer (119)	6-0 (2 pnt)
T.J. Slay (125)	2-0 (0 pnt)
John Veirs (130)	4-2 (2 pnt)
Jamie Arbo (135)	2-1 (0 pnt)
Jeff Morris (140)	1-1 (1 pnt)
Joe Scott (152)	2-4 (2 pnt)
Jeff Eyraida (160)	2-4 (2 pnt)
Jeff Witter (160)	6-0 (1 pnt)
Tom Buchek (175)	4-2 (2 pnt)
Andy Richards (189)	1-2 (1 pnt)
Chris Lewis (195)	1-1 (0 pnt)

"He'll still be young. I wish him all the luck in the world."

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## Red Devils looking to rebound after uncharacteristic 0-2 start

By Tony Panozzo  
Staff writer

Two losses in a row is an unusual way to begin for the Venice High basketball team and coach Clinton Harris.

But that's where the Red Devils stand after losing 59-48 to Wesclin on Tuesday night. Venice, which dropped to 0-2 on the year, is still looking for its first win in Harris' 10th season.

"This is the worst start since I've been here," said Harris, who guided the Red Devils to a state title in 1987. "But our players are working hard. We're not going to give up yet."

Venice, which lost its season

opener to Freeburg 60-58, will go for its first win Saturday at Carle. The Red Devils will play their season opener next Tuesday against Dupu.

On Tuesday, Wesclin took a 27-23 lead at halftime and never looked back. The Warriors held off the Red Devils in the fourth quarter at the free-throw line, where they made 13 of 14 shots.

"They were at about the same level we are," Harris said. "They were a little bigger than us, and they outrebounded us. Our inside game is not as strong as it should be. We need to improve on it."

Harris said he would like to see more aggressive play under-

neath from forwards Brandon Burnett and Jermaine Ware. Burnett was held to three points against Wesclin, and Ware scored 11.

Forward Richard Jones, who scored 24 points against Freeburg, cooled off and finished with eight points.

"If he's going to be our leading scorer, he needs to be more consistent," Harris said.

One of Venice's most consistent players has been point guard Cedric Wiley. Wiley, a senior, has run the team in the first two games. He scored 16 points and recorded seven assists.

Tuesday  
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## Granite City bowlers ranked by YABA

Several bowling teams and individual bowlers at Granite Bowl have been listed in the Nation's Top Ten of the Young American Bowling Alliance. A total of 14 teams and three individuals have recorded scores that rank highly in YABA's publication, *Franchise*.

Nicholas Thomas and Joe Byrd are ranked for their individual scores. Thomas is ranked sixth under the Junior Boys Individual Series for his 646 series, and Byrd is ranked 10th for his 252 game under the Junior Boys Individual Game.

The following is a list of Granite City teams that were ranked by YABA:

**Senior Mixed Team Series:** G.B. Deviation (Anthony Whiteide, Doug Griggs III, Chris Ruddy, Mildred Crawford, Jason West) 3091 series, 4th.

**Major Mixed Team Series:** G.B. F/B/S (Tina Cichlar, Robyn Harper, Darla Bauer, Mike Noble, Robert Brooksher Jr.) 3029 series, 2d.

**Junior Boys Team Game:** G.B. Express (Joe Byrd, Mike Schwallier, David Moore, Eric DeBoe, Dustin Reiger) 1164 game, 1st.

**Junior Girls Team Series:** G.B. 5 Hard Gals (Annie Lyons, Shenita Crawford, Mesha DeBoe, Cheryne Griggs, Kristie Kuhn) 2527 series, 2d.

**Prep Boys Team Game:** Home Boys (Shannon Blockton, Jason Bussey, James Gardner III, Maurice Whiteside, DeMario Williams) 833 game, 1st.

**Bantam Boys Team Game:** G.B. The Lasers (Joshua Anderson, Joshua Warren, Evan Thomas, Sean Fortune, Ghost) 732 game, 4th.

**Senior Mixed Team Game:** G.B. Deviation (Anthony Whiteide, Doug Griggs III, Chris Ruddy, Mildred Crawford, Jason West) 1000 game, 5th.

**Junior Boys Team Series:** G.B. Express (Joe Byrd, Mike Schwallier, David Moore, Eric DeBoe, Dustin Reiger) 3255 series, 1st.

**Junior Girls Team Game:** G.B. Hard Gals (Annie Lyons, Shenita Crawford, Mesha DeBoe, Cheryne Griggs, Kristie Kuhn) 914 game, 2d.

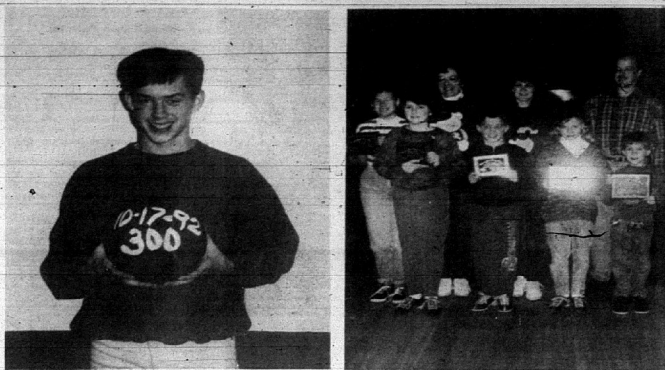
**Bantam Boys Team Series:** G.B. The Lasers (Joshua Anderson, Joshua Warren, Evan Thomas, Sean Fortune, Ghost) 1447 series, 4th.

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**Bantam Girls Team Game:** G.B. Rock & Ribbons (Cristal Fisher, Robin Hartman, Ashley Jones, Vanessa Ross, Ghost) 732 game, 1st.

**Bantam Girls Team Series:** G.B. Rock & Ribbons (Cristal Fisher, Robin Hartman, Ashley Jones, Vanessa Ross, Ghost) 1448 series (two games), 1st.



**On a roll** — Michael Noble, left, holds the ball he used to roll a perfect game at Granite Bowl in October. Right: The winners of Granite Bowl's Thanksgiving Youth Adult Tournament display their awards. First place in the bantam division went to Joshua and Monte Warren, who rolled a 1181 team series including handicap. Second place went to Dwayne Slayton and Jodi Wagner, who rolled a team series of 1166 including handicap. First place in the prep division went to Cheyenne and Tom Modglin, who scored a 1188 team series including handicap. Kelly and Chris Rutter captured second place with a 1145 team series including handicap. In the junior division, Chad and Gary Hoerle took first place with a 1278 team series including handicap, and Natalie Voss and Shirley Byrd took second with a team series of 1273 including handicap. First place in the major division went to Matt Miller and Bill Lehmann with a 1342 team series including handicap. **Front row, from left:** Kelly Rutter, Dwayne Slayton, Cheyenne Modglin, Joshua Warren. **Back row:** Natalie Voss, Shirley Byrd, Jodi Wagner, Monte Warren. Not pictured: Chad Hoerle, Gary Hoerle, Tom Modglin, Chris Rutter, Bill Lehmann, Matt Miller.

## Perfect game recorded by Junior/Major bowler

Michael Noble, a league bowler at Granite Bowl, rolled his first ever 300 game Oct. 17 in the Granite Bowl Junior/Major League.

Noble, who averages 203, threw a 720 series with scores of 266, 300 and 214 for the day with a black turbo ball.

Noble has earned numerous awards from the Junior Archway and Amelia Urke Traveling

League and Gateway Classics. His highest career series is a 767, rolled in the Gateway Classic.

His previous career high game was a 290 last year in the Gateway Classic Tournament.

Noble, a junior at Marquette High School in Alton, is the son of Robert and Becky Noble.

Michael bowls in the Junior/Major and Big Guy Little Guy Scratch League at Granite Bowl

and in the Junior Bowling Club Traveling League.

For his accomplishments, Noble will receive a jacket from Granite Bowl, a super award for rolling 109 pins over average from the Quad City Association, a 300 plaque, a 100 pins over average emblem and a 700 series emblem from the Young American Bowling Alliance.

## Elks to hold free-throw contest for youngsters at Grigsby school

The 21st annual Elks Hoop Shoot, the National Free Throw Shooting Contest for youngsters age 8-13, will be held 9 a.m. Saturday at Grigsby Junior High School. Registration for the event will begin at 8:15 a.m.

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**In control** — Granite City wrestler Jeff Witter applies pressure to Edwardsville's Brent Rogers in their 160-pound match last week. Witter won 7-5 and is now 6-0 on the year.

### Local radio station carrying Shootout

WGUN/AM 920 will carry the 12th annual Coca-Cola KMOX Shootout live today from 1-12 p.m. at the St. Louis Arena. The event will showcase seven games.

The schedule is as follows: Troy, Mo., vs. Okawville, 1 p.m.; St. Joseph's Academy vs. Teutopolis, 2:30 p.m.; Jennings, Mo., vs. East St. Louis, 4 p.m.; Desoto, Mo., vs. White River Valley, Ind., 5:30 p.m.; River View Gardens vs. Jackson (Miss.) Murrah, 7 p.m.; Chicago Proviso East vs. Philadelphia Simon, 8:30 p.m.; Edwardsville vs. Memphis Fairley, 10 p.m.

## •Devils

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Wiley entered the season as the team's most experienced player and scored 14 points against Freeburg.

"He's been playing well," Harris said. "His attitude has improved a lot since last year, and he's become a better leader. But we still need a little more leadership out of him."

Wiley and Ware were the only players to reach double figures against Weslin. James Wellmaker and Oran Bronaugh scored four points apiece, and Wilbert Glasper had two points.

Harris hopes to see the team rebound in its next few games before playing in the Freeburg Holiday Tournament later this month. He said the Red Devils need to show more patience and togetherness on the floor.

"The talent's there," Harris said. "It's just a matter of making the plays. When the other team gets the lead, our players feel like they have to hurry up and shoot the ball. We just need to run our offense."

The Red Devils might have to do so without a full team in the near future. Andrew Bradley, who plays backup center behind Ware, has a knee injury and could be out two weeks. In addition, Wiley sprained his ankle near the end of the game Tuesday, and Harris said Glasper has an ear infection.

"We could have a few injuries to worry about," Harris said.



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Granite City girls basketball player JoAnn Groboski, center, guards a Madison player in a recent game as Penny Kreher watches on.

## •Girls

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"It seemed like Jamie just stopped trying for the inside moves and it really killed our offense," Lobdell said. "She's

tough to stop when she gets that part of her game opened up, but without it we aren't a good enough shooting team to win. We just weren't aggressive."

The loss dropped Granite City to 23 on the season, while the Flyers improved to 4-2. The Lady Warriors face River View Gardens tonight on their home court.



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By Jane Cosby  
Correspondent

If you give the child in your life a book for Christmas, don't be surprised if it fails to elicit squeals of delight. But give one anyway; initial reactions can be deceiving. The book my son received for Christmas last year was the only gift he took to bed with him.

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For a traditional fairy tale that American children probably have not heard before, try "Salt: A Russian Folktale" by Jane Langton (Hyperion Books, \$14.95).

This adventure tale of three Russian brothers setting off to find their fortunes features the usual kind of treacherous, bravery, greed and incredible challenges, all illustrated in richly detailed and beautifully shaded drawings.

The classic children's poem "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" has been published in its entirety (Morrow Junior Books, \$15) and illustrated by Michael Hague, a popular children's artist. There is a complete silent fairy tale in the charming dream world illustrations.

The story of "Noah's Ark" (Little, Brown and Co., \$12.95) is told through the text of the Revised English Bible and beautiful illustrations by Isabelle Brent. This picture book harks back to a medieval tradition of glorious color paintings with intricate patterns and golden highlights.

Two versions of the beginning of the world are told with the use of revolving pictures in two tales from the Bible (Hyperion Books, \$13.95 each). "The Creation of the World" tells the story through the text from the New International Version Bible and "The Evolution of the World" by David Saville gives

the Big Bang theory. There's always room for another Christmas story on children's bookshelves and "The Christmas Snowman" (Arcade Publishing, \$14.95) is a delightful tale of a magical snowman and a plan to save his life devised by the two children who made him.

It takes a tall tale to stand up to Steven Kellogg's wild, wacky and wonderful illustrations, but the story of "Pecos Bill" (Muller Books, \$13.95) fills the order quite nicely. You can't go wrong with this story about the greatest cowboy in Texas.

Author Shirley Hughes doesn't need tall tales to keep children's attention. She has the talent of weaving everyday events into spellbinding stories for young children. Her latest collection, "The Big Alfie Out of Doors Storybook" (Lothrop, Lee and Shepard Books, \$17), which includes stories about camping out, finding a special rock and chasing a wayward sheep, will not disappoint her legions of fans.

Little Golden Books has released several of its classics with a sound strip to press for sound effects. "Sound Storybooks" (Little Golden Books, \$10). Look for "The Pokey Little Puppy," "Tootie" and several other favorites with this fun feature.

Non-fiction  
It's a counting party when pink pigs perform in a pretty picture book called "Pink Pigs Appear!" by Sandy Nightingale



Top: "The Rainbabies" and "The Big Alfie Out of Doors Storybook." Middle: "Knights in Armor," "Salt," "Noah's Ark," "The Magnificent Nose" and "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." Front: "Ten Bears in a Bed," "The Christmas Snowman" and "Christmas Counting."

(Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, \$14.95). More sound is in store with "Ten Bears in a Bed" by John Richardson (Hyperion Books, \$13.95), a pop-up book which lets readers hear the bears out of bed one-by-one.

"Christmas Counting" by Lynn Reiser (Greenwillow Books, \$14) combines family traditions and growth into a delightful counting book that children of all ages can enjoy.

History comes alive in the "Living History" series (Gull-

iver Books, \$16.95). Photographs of people re-enacting battles and events from the Middle Ages lets readers experience the days of "Knights in Armor." Books on ancient Egypt, Christopher Columbus and the Vikings also are available in this series.

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each day during that year. Kids will love reading about the other important events that occurred the year they were born.

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## Experts warn of dangers of some toys

By Nicole Vaughn  
Staff writer

While doing Christmas shopping for the little ones this year, a few precautions can help keep the holidays merry.

Last year, 163,600 toy-related injuries were treated in hospital emergency rooms. Eight out of 10 of those injuries occurred in children under age 15, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

While the CPSC has specific manufacturing guidelines for many toys, toys that regulate everything. Those regulations prohibit sharp points and edges on toys for children under age 3 and the use of small parts on toys for children under age 3.

"Kids will use things in ways that manufacturers never even thought of," said Catherine Thorsen, director of public affairs for the CPSC.

While toys go through rigid testing — repeated drops onto concrete from heights up to 4 feet — some toys escape the system. Usually, these toys are imported.

Most toys are imported, they aren't made in the U.S., Thorsen said.

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Thorsen said, "We're working with (U.S. Customs Department) to get to the toys as they come in before they get distributed."

Thorsen said to consider the child and the child's interests when selecting a toy. She said age labeling on toys can help because it addresses the physical development the child has to have to use the toy safely.

Thorsen also said to take advantage of toy displays. Roll, tug and push on the toy before buying it, if possible.

"If you can pull it apart in the store, the kid can pull it apart even faster," Thorsen said. "If something looks flimsy, don't buy it. Kids are destructive."

Trouble can also develop in homes with multi-age children. Kids' kids may have toys with small parts that can prove fatal

to their younger siblings. "The 2-year-old sees it and he wants to do what the 5-year-old is doing," Thorsen said. "So you need to make sure the older one picks up the toys and doesn't leave smaller parts laying around for the little ones to get into."

Caution should also be taken in buying something to keep a child's toys in. Thorsen said, "Buy only toy boxes with a completely removable lid, a hinged lid support or without a lid."

"Without a lid support, the lid can come off and crush the neck," Thorsen said.

Also put air holes in toy boxes to prevent suffocation should a child crawl inside, Thorsen said.

Dr. Susan Heaney, a pediatrician at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital in St. Louis, suggests the following age

appropriate toys.

- Newborn to 1:**
  - Soft, washable toys
  - Push and pull toys
  - Floating bath toys
  - Mobiles (mounted out of reach)
- Toddlers:**
  - Nesting blocks
  - Push and pull toys
  - Stack toys
  - Cloth or plastic books
- 2 to 3:**
  - Outdoor slides and swings
  - Arts and craft items such as crayons and markers
  - Building blocks
  - Books
- 3 to 5:**
  - Bikes and skates
  - Jump ropes
  - Paper dolls and puppets
  - Cards and table games
- 10 to 14:**
  - Computers
  - Microscopes
  - Hobby collections, such as baseball cards
  - Sporting goods

## Christmas books for children

"This holiday season, instead of having your children crowd around the television, why not have them crowd around to listen to you for a change?" a Granite City District Library spokesman said this week.

"Try setting aside some time to read each week with your children."

"Most children enjoy listening to a well-written story, no matter how old they are."

Christmas books that children of different ages may enjoy:

"Polar Express" by Chris Van Allsburg is a popular hit with children in the primary grades. It is especially well received by children who have heard rumors that there is no Santa Claus. For a legend about Christmas in another country, "The Legend of Old Befana" by Tomie dePaola is a story to warm the heart. Old Befana is the person who brings goodies to children in Italy.

A new story with Christmas spirit is "The Christmas Witch" by Shirley Hughes. It is a story about a little witch who wants to do something good with her magic, something that will make the world a better place to live.

For a story about the "bah-humbug" is the plot of "The Worst Person's Christmas" by James Stevenson. Mr. Worst has a terrible case of the "bah-humbug" until his neighbors arrange a friendly "accident" that cures him.

A moving story for fourth-grade students is "A Christmas Sonnet" by Gary Paulsen. This story has a strong word in it, but it is considered a beautifully written story about two boys and their belief in Santa Claus.

A Christmas classic enjoyed by most upper elementary grade school students is "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" by Barbara Robinson.

Edwardsville. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

**JOHNSON, Charlotte M. (Jones)** Watson, 62, of Madison, formerly of Granite City, died at 3:25 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, 1992, at home. Services were held Tuesday at Kasky's Colonial Mortuary, Fairview Heights, by the Rev. Michael Walker. Burial was at St. Clair Memorial Park, Fairview Heights. Memorials to Madison County Hospice, Granite City.

**LINDSEY, Glyn E.**, 59, of Granite City died at 2:26 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, 1992, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Her survivors include one brother, Earl Lindsey of Dodge City, and three sisters, Wilma Birdsong of Mount Vernon, Dorothy Matthes of California, Mo., and Norma Tubbs of High Point, Mo. Services were held Thursday, Dec. 3, 1992, at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. John Gamblin. Burial was at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis County.

**MAYER, William Leo**, 87, of Marine died at 11:20 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, 1992, at St. Joseph Hospital. Services were held Saturday at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Marine, by the Rev. John Gamblin. Burial was at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Marine, or Masses.

**MICHAELSON, Florence Joyce** (Morse), 54, of Granite City died at 10:06 a.m. Friday, Dec. 4, 1992, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were held Tuesday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Allen Eagleson. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates near Edwardsville.

**SHARP, Jamie (Oetken)**, 24, of Granite City was pronounced dead at 3:50 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, 1992, at Illinois Route 111 north of Chain of Rocks Road after an auto accident. Services were held Sunday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City. Burial was at Wanda Cemetery, South Roxana. Memorials to the family.

**SHERIDAN, Edna M. (Willis)**, 93, of Granite City died at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, 1992, at Madison County Nursing Home, Edwardsville. Visitation was Sunday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City. Services were held Monday at Second Baptist Church in Granite City. Burial was at Holy Family Catholic Church, Granite City, by the Rev. Tom Wise. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery, Edwardsville.

**SMALL, John R. "Jack,"** 37, of Dodge City, Kan., formerly of Granite City, died suddenly Tuesday, Dec. 1, 1992, in Dodge City. Visitation was Sunday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City. Burial was at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Granite City, by the Rev. Tom Wise. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery, Edwardsville.

**SMITH, Goldie May (Bulander)**, 83, of Granite City died at 11:05 a.m. Friday, Dec. 4, 1992, at Highland Health Care Center. Visitation was Sunday at Merced Mortuary, Granite City. Services were held Monday at Second Baptist Church in Granite City by the Rev. David Tyler. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates near Edwardsville.

**VAUGHN, Gráinne (Groner)**, 66, of Granite City died Monday, Dec. 7, 1992, at Meadowbrook Health Care Center. Services were held Wednesday at Herndon A. Kasky Funeral Home, Collinsville, by the Rev. Henry Crippen. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates near Edwardsville. Memorials to American Lung Association.

**WARREN, Clara**, 64, of Pittsburg, Texas, formerly of Madison, died Sunday, Dec. 6, 1992, at home. Services were held Tuesday at Erman Smith Funeral Home, Pittsburg, by the Revs. Wayne Nix, Gene Lee and Troy Martin. Burial was at Leesburg Cemetery, Leesburg, Texas.

## Jones & Co. opens 2,000th office

In 1955, the opening of the first Edward D. Jones & Co. office in a second-floor clothes closet above the Mexico, Mo., Woolworth's store marked the beginning of a legacy.

When Edward D. "Ted" Jones Jr., son of the first office, little did he know that the company would grow to become the largest in the financial-services industry in terms of number of offices.

The Granite City office is located at 2131 Industrial Road. The firm that is often referred to as the McDonald's of the financial-services industry is celebrating this growth and the opening of its 2,000th office on Oct. 16.

In 1986, we celebrated the opening of our 1,000th office, and in just six years, our number of locations had doubled, said John Bachmann, managing principal of the firm.

"The dedication of our associates and the support of our friends and customers have all contributed to this milestone, and we're extremely proud of that achievement."

For more than a decade, Edward D. Jones & Co. has led the industry in number of offices — Merrill Lynch has 510 branches.

The opening of Jones' 2,000th office is regarded as cementing the firm's position as one of the leaders in the brokerage field.

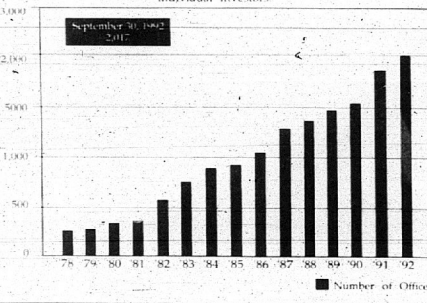
"Jones operates in a niche that's all its own — selling securities in suburban neighborhoods and other areas where investors may not have convenient access to personalized investment services," said Jeffrey M. Frosser, the Granite City representative for the firm.

Bachmann added, "Our investment representatives are members of the communities where they work. For many of our clients, one-on-one personalized investment information would be difficult, if not impossible, to get if Jones were not here."

At Edward D. Jones & Co., investors don't find high-rise offices staffed by brokers working the phones. Rather, most of the offices are individually

### Branching Out

Edward D. Jones & Co. has built a network of small offices that cater to individual investors.



staffed with one investment representative and one office administrator.

"They are supported by one of the most sophisticated private satellite networks in the country. Each office is equipped with a satellite dish and computer that allows a customer to buy or sell securities and know the price, including commissions, in as little as 20 seconds."

"Our clients as fast as, and in some cases, faster than service on Wall Street," Bachmann said.

Another unique aspect of Jones' business is that its brokers do not work the telephones; they work face to face.

After an extensive training program, new Jones representatives spend their first several months calling on people face to face in the communities where their offices will ultimately be located.

"They make more than 1,000 door-to-door, face-to-face calls before they can even open an office," Bachmann said.

"We want our brokers out there where the people of the community can take their measure and decide if they are the kind of people they want to do business with."

Until the 1980s, Jones offices were typically in small towns with names like Broken Bow, Neb.; Walla Walla, Wash.; and Thier River Falls, Minn.

With the arrival of the '80s, the firm began targeting urban and suburban areas as well as in rural communities," Bachmann said.

Today, more than 40 percent of the firm's offices are in metropolitan areas.

## Funeral services

Area deaths reported in this week's Sunday and Wednesday newspapers include:

**BALDING, Bessie Frances (Geyer)**, 89, of Cabot, Ark., formerly of Granite City, died Sunday, Nov. 29, 1992. Graveside services were held Tuesday, Dec. 1, at Apple Hill Cemetery in Arkansas. Arrangements were made by Moore's Cabot Funeral Home, Cabot, Ark.

**BEQUERET, Virginia H. (Anderson)**, 84, of Washington Park died Wednesday, Dec. 2, 1992, at City Care Center, Anna, Ill. Services were held Saturday at Kasky's Colonial Mortuary, Fairview Heights, by the Rev. Michael Walker. Burial was at St. Clair Memorial Park, Fairview Heights. Memorials to Madison County Hospice, Granite City.

**BRINDLEY, Linda A. (Hoelt)**, 101, of East St. Louis, formerly of Venice, died at 5:45 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, 1992, at University Manor Nursing Home, Edwardsville. Services were held Tuesday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Michael Hopkins. Burial was at St. John Cemetery, Granite City. Memorials to University Manor Nursing Home, Edwardsville.

**BRYANT, Wilbur Allen**, 83, of Venice died at 10:22 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, 1992, in the emergency room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City. Services were held Tuesday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Jeff Davis. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates near Edwardsville.

**DAVIS, Naomi Pearl (Mundy)**, 88, of Belleville died Sunday, Dec. 6, 1992, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Belleville. Services were held Wednesday at Kasky's Colonial Mortuary, Fairview Heights, by the Rev. Doug Rose. Burial was at Lake View Memorial Gardens, Belleville. Memorials to the Building Fund of First Assembly of God Church, Belleville.

**HONERKAMP, Miss Imelda**, 86, of San Luis Obispo, Calif., formerly of Granite City, died Thursday, Dec. 3, 1992, at home. There was no visitation or service. Her remains were cremated. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery,

## Briefs

### Food proj.

Burger King is sponsoring a food project for the Madison County Baptist Association. "Meals of Love" can be ordered for \$1.00 per meal. Food will be delivered through the association.

Hot "meals" are served to sons from 4 p.m. every Tuesday. First Baptist, 21st Street at Avenue, Granite City.

Those with may call Jan. 2000. The Baptist Association, 901-6222 or Kay King, 432-2100.

### Blood drive

Giving blood is a great way to help the spirit of the season. A blood drive will be held at the Ketterer-Gy. Elizabeth Mortuary, 2100 Main, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, in p.m. and weigh more pounds. Persons 16 may donate as long as they consent of a guardian. Cost are available. The Red Cross can give every citizen all donors, will be given. Recipients donations, accident, organ transplant.

### Insider

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